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Section 1. Introduction

A. Mission Statement

The Blaine County Housing Authority’s mission is to advocate for, promote, plan, and preserve the long-term supply of desirable and affordable housing choices in all areas of Blaine County to maintain an economically diverse, vibrant, and sustainable community.

B. Purpose of Guidelines

1. The purpose of these Guidelines is to define and describe the process of renting, purchasing, or selling Community Homes within Blaine County. They are intended to assist government staff, the development community, applicants, and the public in understanding the priorities for and processes governing Community Housing development and administration in Blaine County. The Guidelines do not replace professional guidance available from the Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) staff.
2. These Guidelines are intended to support the attainment of BCHA goals and to supplement land use and building codes used by the County and Cities. The Guidelines should be used to review land use applications, to establish affordable rental rates and sales prices, to establish criteria for admission and occupancy, and to develop and prioritize current and long-range community housing programs.
3. These Guidelines may be reviewed and updated from time to time.
4. In the event of any conflict between guidelines and the deed covenant, the deed covenant will prevail.

C. Role of The Blaine County Housing Authority

The role of BCHA, as determined by BCHA’s Creating Resolution, are to:

1. Qualify Applicants for Community Housing using the criteria set forth in these Guidelines and maintaining an Applicant Database of those persons eligible to rent or purchase Community Homes.
2. Match qualified Applicants with available Community Homes.

3. Monitor compliance with and enforcement of these Guidelines and deed covenants.
4. Develop the criteria by which Community Housing is located, designed, developed, and price of Community Housing.
5. Review and provide recommendations on proposed Community Housing in Blaine County and its municipalities in accordance with these Guidelines and BCHA adopted criteria.

D. Authority of the Blaine County Housing Authority

1. BCHA is an independent public body, corporate and politic created by Blaine County and has all the powers and authority bestowed upon a housing authority pursuant to Title 31, Chapter 42 and Title 50, Chapter 19, Idaho Code.

E. Income Category Chart

Household Income Categories by Area Median Income (AMI).

Income Category	Percentage of Area Median Income
1	Less than 50%
2	50% to 60%
3	60% to 80%
4	80% to 100%
5	100% to 120%
6	120% to 140%
L	No Income Limit but must be a full-time resident of Blaine County.

*For Income Categories greater than 6, the household may be classified as “Category L” which is housing that may be offered to the full-time residents and employees of Blaine County.

F. Definitions

1. **Administration Fee** – The fee charged by BCHA in connection with a completed purchase and sale transaction or a rental lease transaction as compensation for the creation of and monitoring compliance with the deed covenants of Community Housing.
2. **Applicant/Applicant Household** – Persons or households that have completed the BCHA application process to obtain, either through purchase or rental, a Community Home or other housing administered or managed by BCHA.

3. **Applicant Database** – The official BCHA record of persons who have completed the BCHA application process for the rental or purchase of housing subject to a deed covenant (or other housing managed or administered by BCHA).
4. **Applicant Pool** – Applicants selected from the Applicant Database and matched to a specific property for consideration to either rent or purchase that property.
5. **Appreciation** - proceeds to the selling Owner after deducting the following from the Actual Sales Price: (i) the purchase price paid by the selling Owner; (ii) reasonable and customary escrow and closing costs (including taxes and assessments); (iii) a reasonable real estate sales commission not to exceed six percent (6%) of the Actual Sales Price, (iv) the administrative fee due to BCHA pursuant to Section 4 below, and (v) the cost of Approved Capital Improvements.
6. **Assets** - Anything owned by an individual that has commercial or exchange value. Assets consist of specific property or claims against others, in contrast to obligations due others.
7. **Capital Improvements** - Unless otherwise defined in the Deed Covenants on the Community Housing unit, any fixture erected as a permanent improvement to real property that enhances the value of the property, excluding repair, replacement, maintenance costs, and standard depreciation when applicable.
8. **Community Housing/Home** - Dwelling units, for sale or rent, restricted typically via deed covenant for households meeting assets, income and/or minimum occupancy guidelines approved by BCHA.
9. **Deed Covenant** - A legally enforceable provision in a deed restricting use, occupancy, alienation, and other attributes of real property ownership or imposing affirmative obligations on the owner or renter of the real property.
10. **Disabled Person/Dependent** - A person who meets the definition of "individual with a disability" contained in 29 U.S.C. Section 706(8), and/or as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
11. **Employee Housing** - Housing which is required to be developed in conjunction with an organization and is intended for rental by the employees of the enterprise.
12. **Full Time Employee** - A person who is employed by one or more Blaine County Employers and physically working in Blaine County for a minimum of 1,500 hours worked per calendar year. Breaks in employment which do not disqualify applicants include temporary physical or mental disability, acting as primary caretaker of ill relative, extended vacation not to exceed six months every six years, and full-time education or training.
13. **Fixture** - Personal property which has been attached to or installed on land or a structure thereon in such a way as to become a part of the real property.
14. **Grievance** - Any dispute that an applicant, purchaser, seller, or tenant may have with BCHA with respect to action or failure to act in accordance with the complainant's rights, duties, welfare, or status under these Guidelines.

15. **Gross Income** - The total income derived from a business, trust, employment, and income-producing property, before deductions for expenses, depreciation, taxes, and similar allowances. Gross Income must also include alimony, child support, retirement pension, and social security benefits.
16. **Gross Rental Rate** - The total cost (including but not limited to utilities, management fees, taxes, dues, snow removal, HOA fees, etc.) charged to a qualified renter of a community home.
17. **Household** - All individuals who are or may intend to occupy the Community Home.
18. **Household Income** – The total Gross Income of all individuals who are or may be occupying the Community Home. Gross income of self-employed households is the gross business income less IRS approved business expenses.
19. **Income Category** – The classification of annual income based upon household size as a percentage of the Area Median Income determined by BCHA.
20. **Joint Tenancy** – ownership of real property by two (2) or more persons, each of whom has an equal undivided interest in the property with the right of survivorship.
21. **Liabilities** - Monetary obligations and debts owed to someone by an individual.
22. **Livable Square Footage** - The interior area of a building measured interior wall to interior wall (i.e., “paint-to-paint”), including all interior partitions, habitable basements, interior storage areas, closets, and laundry area, and excluding uninhabitable basements, mechanical areas, exterior storage areas, stairwells, garages (either attached or detached), patios, decks, and porches.
23. **Local** – As it relates to Community Housing, is an individual, employed, retired, or disabled, who resides within Blaine County.
24. **Local Employer** - A business whose business activity is located within Blaine County and whose business employs persons within Blaine County.
25. **Maintenance and Repair** – Work done that keeps your property in a normal efficient operating condition.
26. **Maximum Sale Price** – The allowable sale price of a Community Home as provided to owners by BCHA or subsequent sales, as set forth in the applicable Deed Covenant.
27. **Net Worth/Household Net Worth** - Combined net worth (all assets minus all liabilities) of all individuals who may be occupying the Community Home. Retirement accounts may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they must be included in the net worth calculation.
28. **Primary Residence** - The sole and exclusive place of residence.
29. **Retired Person** – A person who
 1. has (i) resided in or (ii) was either self-employed full-time or was a Full- Time Employee in Blaine County, Idaho, for not less than ten (10) out of the twenty-five

- (25) years prior to the date of qualification.
2. Must not have a Net Worth (as such term is defined in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) in excess of the maximum allowed by the annual HUD Net Worth allowance as found on the BCHA website; and
 3. does not own any other developed residential real property or dwelling units in Blaine County, Idaho, or anywhere else in the United States of America.
30. **Retirement Age** – 62 years of age.
31. **Special Applicant Pool** – A waiting list for a development that intends to house a specific population (i.e., Employees)
32. **Special Review for Exceptions** - A review of a petition to waive the provision of these Guidelines due to special circumstances.
33. **Tenant** - A person who is leasing or has leased a Community Home that is subject to these Guidelines, and any qualifying potential lessee or past lessee of any such home, but only with respect to any issue arising under these Guidelines.
34. **Workforce Housing** – Units that are deed restricted and owned by specific employers.